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This language brings our right to carry arms more into line with the Founders' original plan. Reasonable restrictions cannot temper the actions of unreasonable actors. More armed citizens will be the only thing that will make criminals reconsider their plans, this bill will allow more citizens to arm themselves!

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I oppose Bill HB-6816 An Act Concerning Microstamping-Enabled Pistols, Raising the Age to Purchase Ammunition and Restricting the Sale and Possession of Body Armor.

Microstamping would not do anything to prevent or reduce violent crimes in Connecticut. Microstamping is an unreliable technology. There is no industry standard for how deep or visible the markings should be on the casing. This causes difficulty reading a majority of micro stamps. Variances in ammunition manufacturing and metal strength/thickness would also provide inconsistent results. Research shows criminals could also easily remove the markings with basic hand tools in less than a minute. Microstamping technology is also expensive. Implementing this technology in firearms would increase the cost of manufacturing, repairing and purchasing firearm, making it difficult for law-abiding citizens to afford firearms for self-defense or sport.

Raising the age does nothing to reduce or curve crime and as criminals do not follow the law, Your time is better suited to hold criminals accountable and not the victims or the lawful.

Body Armor:

Banning body armor would infringe on individuals' rights to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Body armor can be a crucial piece of personal protective equipment, particularly for those who live in high-risk areas or work in dangerous professions. Criminals who are determined to commit violent acts will still be able to obtain body armor through illegal means, making the ban ineffective at achieving its intended goal.

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## I OPPOSE H. B. 6667

Nearly all criminals that have come through our court system with firearms charges have either been prior convicted felons, who legally could not own a firearm, received a firearm through illegal means, or juveniles who could not legally possess a firearm regardless, and came into possession of one through illegal gang affiliated ways. With these new bills, it is apparent that this committee's goals are no longer to prevent gun violence, but instead to strip law abiding citizens' rights away. Gun violence is not the only violence that we have, yet you continue to hark on gun violence as though it is the only form, we are exposed to.

Connecticut has some of the strictest and most restrictive gun laws in America, yet our court does not convict ¾ of the gun crimes that come before the bench. (Ask to see the OLR Report) Instead, our courts allow these criminals to bond out on cheap bonds, or to be referred to outpatient programs, in which these people are reinstated into the community and offend again and again. The idea to ban open carry will only create more problems for law abiding citizens, as what if you are adjusting your waistline and you happen to imprint, and someone calls the cops? Will I then be arrested because part of my firearm showed briefly? Also making it illegal to carry in any location that has a liquor license is absurd! That makes carrying illegal in virtually all restaurants.

Your bill will also make virtually all in common use firearms illegal! This has already been stated to be illegal by SCOTUS through the New York state Rifle & Pistol Association vs. Breun Ruling and the Caetano vs. Massachusetts, but apparently a lot of our Legislators have not taken the time to read case law. It is the Job of this Committee to do its legal research before it decides to even talk about a bill.

Please do not follow the Governors bad ideas and follow the rule of Law and don't waste our tax money on poor thought.

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